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SUBJECT: FAZ REORGANIZATION PLAN

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SUMMARY. GENERAL BABIA CONVENED A MEETING LATE P.M. 17 JUNE WITH CHIEF ZAMISH AND BELGIAN AND FRENCH MILITARY MISSION CHIEFS TO DISCUSS FUTURE ALLIED SECURITY ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF FAZ REORGANIZATION. BABIA OUTLINED SUPPORT GOZ DESIRED FROM EACH DONOR NATION FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. HE CALLED FOR FRANK AND OPEN DISCUSSIONS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS MEETING WOULD ESTABLISH SOLID FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE SESSIONS OF THIS KIND.
END SUMMARY.

1. US ASSISTANCE.

A. CHIEF ZAMISH INFORMED GENERAL BABIA CONTENTS OF REFTTEL (A) EMPHASIZING USG APPROVAL OF FAZ REALISTIC REORGANIZATION PLANS AND THAT WE PREPARED TO BE FORTHCOMING IN TRADITIONAL AREAS OF TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRAINING. USG VIEWS ON INFRASTRUCTURE ALSO EXPLAINED.

B. BABIA INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD AND WAS SATISFIED WITH USG
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APPROACH, STATING HE HAS ALREADY DIRECTED THAT STUDIES BE CONDUCTED IN BOTH TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AREAS TO DETERMINE NUMBERS AND TYPES OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO SUPPORT REORGANIZATION. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, HE ADDED, WILL BE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. FYI. INDICATIONS ARE THAT TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES WILL BE FAIRLY DETAILED IN NATURE AND WILL REQUIRE SOME WEEKS TO ACCOMPLISH. WILL KEEP DEPT INFORMED OF

PROGRESS. END FYI.

C. REGARDING UPGRADE PACKAGE, BABIA FEELS THAT WHILE THE STRUCTURE WELL SUITED TO GOZ'S LEGITIMATE SECURITY NEEDS, THERE ARE OTHER HIGHER PRIORITIES AT THIS TIME. AT SOME FUTURE UNSPECIFIED DATE AND ONCE REORGANIZATION PLANS WELL UNDERWAY, WE SHOULD TAKE ANOTHER HARD LOOK AT GOZ REQUIREMENTS AND CAPABILITIES.

2. BELGIAN ASSISTANCE.

A. BABIA NEXT FOCUSED ON BELGIAN EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF REORGANIZATION, SAYING THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU INFORMED HIM RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS INDICATED GOB'S WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO BE FORTHCOMING. BABIA WILL PREPARE A FORMAL GOZ REQUEST, AND DESIRES ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

- (1) THE PRESENT LEVEL OF INSTRUCTORS AT THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS, AND
- (2) INFANTRY ADVISORS/TRAINERS SUFFICIENT FOR ONE BRIGADE.
- (3) ADVISORS/TRAINERS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOGISTICAL CORPS.

B. BABIA REQUESTED THAT COL BLEUS TRANSLATE THE ABOVE INTO FINITE MEMBERS OF PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION. BLEUS INDICATED HE WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR THE FORMAL GOZ REQUEST EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. FRENCH ASSISTANCE.

A. BABIA AGAIN INDICATED THAT RECENT MOBUTU - GISCARD TALKS WERE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND ACCORDINGLY GOZ WOULD SEEK FRENCH CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSISTANCE IN:

- (1) CONTINUATION OF MIRAGE PROGRAM.
- (2) CONTINUATION OF PANHARD REHABILITATION PROGRAM.
- (3) SUFFICIENT ADVISORS TO TRAIN AND FORM ONE PARACHUTE BRIGADE.
- (4) A HELICOPTER MAINTENANCE/ADVISORY TEAM FOR THE ALOUETTES AND PUMAS.

B. COL GRAS MENTIONED THAT HIS INFORMATION IS THAT GISCARD HAS APPROVED, IN PRINCIPLE, THE PARA BRIGADE EFFORT. GRAS ESTIMATES THAT SOME 22 TO 25 OFFICERS AND NCO'S FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD WILL BE REQUIRED. HE WILL DEPART FOR PARIS ON 24 JUNE TO WORK OUT DETAILS WITH FRENCH MILITARY PLANNERS.

4. STAFF ASSISTANCE. BABIA STATED HE IS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT HE REQUIRES BELGIAN/FRENCH STAFF ASSISTANCE AT DDN LEVEL (JUST AS HE DID DURING THE SHABA OPERATION) IF REORGANIZATION IS TO SUCCEED. HE DESIRES A MINIMUM OF FOUR OFFICERS (G2-1, G3-2, G4-1) AND REQUESTED BELGIAN AND FRENCH MISSION CHIEFS TO COORDINATE ON THIS.

5. BABIA CONCLUDED THE TWO HOUR SESSION BY EXPRESSING HOPE THERE WOULD BE CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE AND COORDINATION BETWEEN ALL CONCERNED SO AS TO PRECLUDE DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND TO INSURE

A JUDICIOUS ORCHESTRATION OF ALLIED SECURITY ASSISTANCE EFFORTS
WITHIN GUIDELINES LAID DOWN BY OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.
FYI. REFTEL (A) TOGETHER WITH THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PASSED THRU
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